

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7679–S7796

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1943–1949. **Page S7762**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1997". (S. Rept. No. 104–316)

H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–317)

H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 104–318) **Page S7762**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed S. 640, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Stevens (for Chafee) Amendment No. 4445, to further improve the conservation and development of water and related resources. **Page S7722**

Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2: Senate passed H.R. 2337, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased taxpayer protections, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7753–56**

DOD Appropriations: Senate began consideration of S. 1894, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7688–91, S7743–44**

Pending:

Stevens Amendment No. 4439, to realign funds from Army and Defense Wide Operation and Maintenance accounts to the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund. **Page S7689**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, July 16, 1996. **Page S7743**

Coast Guard Authorization: Senate disagreed to the amendment of the House to S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast, agreed to the House request for a conference, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees: From the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation—Senators Pressler, Stevens, Gorton, Lott, Hutchison, Snowe, Ashcroft, Abraham, Hollings, Inouye, Ford, Kerry, Breaux, Dorgan, and Wyden; and from the Committee on Environment and Public Works for all Oil Pollution Act issues under their jurisdiction—Senators Chafee, Warner, Smith, Faircloth, Inhofe, Baucus, Lautenberg, Lieberman, and Boxer. **Pages S7691–S7703**

Nuclear Waste Policy—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to S. 1936, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, July 16, 1996. **Page S7743**

Motion To Request Attendance: During today's proceedings, by 93 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 192), Senate agreed to a motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S7745**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Walker D. Miller, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Pages S7756, S7796**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rod Grams, of Minnesota, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Claiborne deB. Pell, of Rhode Island, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the 51st Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 26, 1996.

29 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Marine Corps.

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total–2) Page S7745

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–192) Page S7745

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, July 12, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7789–90.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE/VA/ HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

H.R. 3603, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments; and

H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, with amendments.

ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed funding levels for the Department of Health and Human Service's Adolescent Family Life Program and other abstinence education programs, receiving testimony from William Devlin, Philadelphia Family Policy Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Allan Carlson, Rockford, Illinois; Kathleen Sullivan, Project Reality, Glenview, Illinois; David Hager, Women's Care Center, Lexington, Kentucky; and Gracie Hsu, Family Research Council, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, July 16.

APPROPRIATIONS—SECRETARY OF SENATE/SERGEANT AT ARMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Kelly D. Johnston, Secretary of the Senate; and Howard O. Greene, Sergeant At Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY AND WATER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

ATM FEES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1800, to limit fees charged by financial institutions for the use of automatic teller machines, after receiving testimony from Janice C. Shields, on behalf of the Consumer Finance Project, and Edmund Mierzewski, both of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Robert R. Davis, America's Community Bankers, all of Washington, D.C.; Paul Green, Massachusetts Cooperative Bank of Dorchester, on behalf of the Community Bank League of New England; Patrick G. Calhoun, State Employees Federal Credit Union, Albany, New York, on behalf of the New York State Credit Union League; Phillip Hudson, First Security Service Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Thomas J. Sheehan, Grafton State Bank, Grafton, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Independent Bankers Association of America; David W. Black, Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas; and Neil Marcous, EDS, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's recently issued electric utility restructuring rules to require open access transmission by all public utilities and to provide for recovery of stranded costs to foster wholesale competition, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Moler, Chair, and Vicky A. Bailey, James J. Hoecker, William L. Massey, and Donald F. Santa, Jr., each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Cheryl L. Parrino, Wisconsin Public Service Commission, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; Craig A. Glazer, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Columbus; Susan F. Clark, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee; Wayne Shirley, New Mexico Public Utility Commission, Santa Fe; Charles A. Falcone, American Electric Power Company, on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute, David W. Penn, American Public Power Association, and John A. Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resources Council, all of Washington, D.C.; and Steven D. Burton, Sithe/Energies Group, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Independent Energy Producers.

BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA ACCESS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forest and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 1738, to provide for improved access to and use of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness along the Minnesota and Ontario border, after receiving testimony from Senators Feingold and Harkin; Representatives Vento and Oberstar; Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; John Calhoun Wells, Director, and Maureen Labenski, Regional Director, both of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Minnesota State Senator Douglas J. Johnson, Cook; Sharon Hahn, Lake County Board of Commissioners, Two Harbors, Minnesota; Mayor Ed Steklasa, and

Gary Gotchnik, both of Ely, Minnesota; Minnesota State Representative Dee Long, Kevin Proescholdt, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, and Becky Rom, Wilderness Society, all of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Wisconsin State Representative Spencer Black, Madison; Iowa State Representative William Witt, Cedar Falls; Bruce Kerfoot, Grand Marais, Minnesota, on behalf of the Gunflint Trail Resort Association, Gunflint Trail Outfitters Association, and the Professional Paddlesports Association of America; and William Hansen, Sawbill Canoe Outfitters, Inc., Tofte, Minnesota.

WOMEN IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded hearings to examine the emerging role of women in Africa, focusing on barriers to their full participation in their rapidly changing societies, after receiving testimony from Prudence Bushnell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, and Judith Ann Mayotte, Special Advisor on Refugee Policy, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, both of the Department of State; Carol Peasley, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator/Bureau for Africa, Agency for International Development; Michaela Walsh, Women's Asset Management, New York, New York; and Lisa VeneKlasen, Center for Population and Development Activities, and Jane Wanjiro Muigai, International Human Rights Law Group, both of Washington, D.C.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S. 1740, to defend and protect the institution of marriage, receiving testimony from Senator Nickles; Lynn Wardle, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah; Cass R. Sunstein, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois; Mitzi Henderson, Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Menlo Park, California; Gary Bauer, Family Research Council, Washington, D.C.; and David Zwiebel, Agudath Israel of America, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3782–3798; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 183, H. Con. Res. 198, and H. Res. 476 were introduced. **Pages H7473–74**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1975, to improve the management of royalties from Federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases, amended (H. Rept. 104–667);

H.R. 3198, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 105–668);

H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, amended (H. Rept. 104–669 Part I);

H.R. 2391, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for all employees, amended (H. Rept. 104–670); and

H. Res. 475, providing for consideration of H.R. 3756, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–671). **Page H7473**

Committees to Sit: The following Committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H7270**

Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 313, the House passed H.R. 3755, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. **Pages H7280–H7374**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H7373**

Agreed To:

The Ney amendment that increases Health Resources and Services Administration funding by \$2 million for the Black Lung Clinics Program and decreases HHS congressional, public affairs, and intergovernmental affairs activities accordingly; **Pages H7287–88**

The Pelosi amendment that eliminates the provision prohibiting funding for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to develop or issue

standards or guidelines regarding ergonomic protection (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 301); **Page H7301**

The Mica amendment that increases Education for the Disadvantaged funding by \$20 million and decreases Department of Education program administration funding accordingly; **Pages H7302–04**

The Deal of Georgia amendment that increases Education for the Disadvantaged funding by \$1 million and decreases Department of Education program administration funding accordingly; **Page H7304**

The Porter technical amendment dealing with impact aid formulation; **Page H7306**

The Fox amendment that increases Domestic Volunteer Service Programs by \$1.923 million for the Foster Grandparent Program and decreases Department of Education Program Administration funding accordingly; **Page H7324**

The Lowey amendment that increases School Improvement Programs funding by \$2 million for the Women Educational Equity program and decreases Education Research Statistics and Improvement Programs accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 294 yeas to 129 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H7318–21, H7330–31**

The Traficant amendment that prohibits contracts or subcontracts to any person who intentionally affixes "Made in America" labels or other similar inscriptions to products not made in the United States; **Page H7331**

The Solomon amendment, as modified, that prohibits the use of funds to any activity that promotes the legalization of controlled substances except those drugs with medical evidence of a therapeutic advantage; **Pages H7333–34**

The Solomon amendment that prohibits any contract or grant to institutions of higher learning (other than those with a long standing tradition of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation) that prevents ROTC access to its campus or students, prevents military recruiting on its campus, and further prohibits expenditures to any contractor subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of title 38, United States Code, that has not submitted an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning the employment of veterans; **Pages H7334–35**

The Campbell amendment, as modified, that allows public health assistance for communicable diseases to individuals not lawfully in the United States and prohibits the Mine Safety and Health Administration from closing or relocating any safety and

health technology center until submitting a cost analysis to the Committee on Appropriations;

Pages H7337–38

The Bunning amendment that prohibits the use of Social Security and Medicare Trust funds for union activity at the Social Security Administration (agreed to by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 309);

Pages H7344–48, H7365–66

The Istook amendment as amended by the Obey substitute amendment that prohibits Title X family planning grants to organizations that do not certify to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that it encourages family participation in the decision of the minor to seek family planning services (agreed to the Obey substitute amendment by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 310 and agreed to the Istook amendment, as amended, by a recorded vote of 421 ayes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 311;

Pages H7348–55, H7366–67

The McIntosh amendment that prohibits any funding by the Department of Labor to enforce regulations that require workers to wear long pants when this requirement would cause workers to experience discomfort due to high air temperatures; and

Pages H7355–56

The Campbell amendment that prohibits any funding to direct employers to pay backpay to employees who were not lawfully entitled to be present and employed in the United States.

Pages H7356–59

Rejected:

The Goodling amendment that sought to increase Special Education funding by \$291 million and decrease National Institutes of Health funding accordingly;

Pages H7290–93

The Lowey amendment that sought to increase funding for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control by \$2.6 million and decrease Area Health Education Centers funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 302);

Pages H7280–87, H7301–02

The Obey amendment that sought to increase education and training program funding by \$1.246 billion with offsets derived from funding levels made available through September 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 303);

Pages H7306–18, H7330

The Hefley amendment that sought to reduce Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding by \$1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 305);

Pages H7331–32, H7362–63

The Sanders amendment that sought to require reasonable price agreements for the sale of drugs developed by NIH (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 306);

Pages H7335–37, H7363–64

The Lowey amendment that sought to remove restrictions on Federal funding for embryo research (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 307);

Pages H7339–44, H7364

The Hoyer substitute amendment to the Bunning amendment that sought to prohibit the use of Social Security and Medicare trust funds to pay for union activity and clarify employee representation at the Social Security Administration (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 308); and

Pages H7344–48, H7364–65

The Gutknecht amendment that sought to apply a 1.9 percent reduction to all discretionary appropriations (rejected by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 312).

Pages H7360–61, H7367

Withdrawn:

The Condit amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase Administration for Children and Families funding by \$487 million for Refugee and Entrant Assistance and reduce all discretionary spending by 0.9 percent accordingly;

Pages H7288–90

The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to remove restrictions on the award of grants under the Small Business Innovation Research Program;

Pages H7295–96

The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase Bilingual and Immigrant Education by \$10 million and decrease Impact aid accordingly;

Pages H7321–24

The Roemer amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase Pell Grant educational assistance by \$340 million and reduce salaries and expenses for Departments of Labor, Educational, HHS, and other agencies by 15 percent.

Pages H7332–33

The Sanders amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to prohibit payment to any health plan that prevents or limits health care provider communications to patients; and

Pages H7338–39

The Mica amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to establish a Head Start Demonstration Program to determine the effects of providing assistance to low income parents to select preschool programs for their children.

Pages H7359–60

Rejected the Smith of New Jersey motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause.

Pages H7361–62

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

Page H7374

Order of Business: It is made in order that on Friday, July 12, the Speaker be authorized to entertain

a motion, offered by Representative Goodling or his designee, to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2429, as amended, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products.

Page H7441

Defense of Marriage Act: The House completed all general debate on H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage. Consideration of amendments will begin on Friday July 12.

Pages H7441-49

Earlier, the House agreed to H.R. Res. 474, the rule under which the bill is being considered by a yea-and-nay vote of 290 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 300.

Pages H7270-80

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7475.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7265.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7279-80, H7301, H7301-02, H7330, H7331, H7362-63, H7363-64, H7364, H7364-65, H7365-66, H7366, H7366-67, H7367, and H7373. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:55 a.m. on Friday, July 12.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCER PROTECTION ACT OF 1996

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the Dairy and Livestock Producer Protection Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Senator Pressler; the following officials of the USDA: James Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspector and Packers and Stockyards Administration; and Lon Hatamiya, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

The Committee also approved 602 (b) Budget allocation for fiscal year 1997.

ONLINE BANKING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises concluded hearings on Online Banking and Technology in Banking. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLUTION OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on "How Did We Get Here From There?" A discussion of the Evolution of the Budget Process from 1974 to the Present. Testimony was heard from James Blum, Deputy Director, CBO; and Susan Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, GAO.

Hearings continue July 17.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3553, Federal Trade Commission Reauthorization Act of 1996; and H.R. 447, to establish a toll free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; and the following officials of the FTC: Robert Pitofsky, Chairman; Mary L. Azcuenaga, Roscoe B. Starek III, Janet T. Steiger and Christine A. Varney, all Commissioners.

FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment began markup of H.R. 1627, Food Quality Protection Act of 1995.

OVERSIGHT—LABOR UNION RACKETEERING

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Labor's Efforts Against Labor Union Racketeering. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Charles C. Masten, Inspector General; Stephen Cossu, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Labor Racketeering; J. Davitt McAteer, Acting Solicitor of Labor; John Kotch, Director, Office of the Labor-Management Standards; and Alan Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; and John Keeney, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Implementation of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Diaz-Balart and Deutsch; and Michael Ranneberger, Coordinator for Cuban Affairs, Department of State.

VICTIMS RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on proposals for a constitutional amendment to provide rights to victims of crime (H.J. Res. 173 and H.J. Res. 174). Testimony was heard from Senators Kyl and Feinstein; Representative Royce; John Schmidt, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ACT

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 3237, Intelligence Community Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John White, Deputy Secretary; Lt. Gen. Paul Van Riper, USMC, Commanding General, Combat Development Command, Quantico, U.S. Marine Corps; Maj. Gen. Ed Anderson, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans, U.S. Army; Maj. Gen. Boddy O. Floyd, USAF, Director, Forces, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, U.S. Air Force; and RAdm. John M. Luecke, USN, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations), U.S. Navy.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TIMBER CONTRACT EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Resources: and the Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry of the Committee on Agriculture held a joint hearing on H.R. 3659, Environmental Improvement Timber Contract Extension Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3579, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain property containing a fish and wildlife facility to the State of Wyoming; followed by an oversight hearing on non-indigenous species. Testimony was heard from Representative Cubin; Gary Edwards, Assistant Director, Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Hachiro Shimanuki, Research Leader, Plant Sciences Institute, Bee Research Laboratory, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2392, amended, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish bound-

aries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; S. 1467, amended, Fort Peck Rural County Water System Act of 1995; H.R. 3258, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to Carlsbad Irrigation District; and a measure to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3756, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service; the Executive Office of the President and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives sections 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation) and 308(a) (requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legislation providing new entitlement authority which becomes effective during the fiscal year which ends in the calendar year in which the bill is reported), of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides for the adoption in the House and in the Committee of the Whole of the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report relating to certain expedited procedures under the rules Committee's jurisdiction. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against provisions of the bill, except as otherwise noted in the rule.

The rule provides for consideration, before any other amendment, of those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered in the order printed, shall be offered by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been

adopted shall have precedence over a motion to amend, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee after the reading of the final lines of the bill. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lightfoot, Gutknecht, Metcalf, Tiahrt, Deal of Georgia, Hoyer and Luther.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization Maintaining Adequate Infrastructure: Federal Funding Distribution Formulas Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay, Condit, Sanford, Brewster, Largent, Hutchinson, Mica, Fowler, Brown of Florida, Buyer, Hamilton, Hostettler, Ramstad, Inglis of South Carolina and Lewis of Kentucky; John Daly, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of New York; Robert Martinez, Secretary of Transportation, State of Virginia; Dean Dunphy, Secretary, Department of Business, Transportation and Housing, State of California; Wayne Shackelford, Commissioner, Department of Transportation, State of Georgia; and a public witness.

Hearings continue July 18.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on unemployment insurance issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives English of Pennsylvania, Upton and

Farr; Raymond Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Loleta A. Didrickson, Comptroller, State of Illinois; David Poythress, Commissioner of Labor, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 3662, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on the Budget, business meeting, to mark up proposed legislation to provide for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1997, 10:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, hearing on Overview of GSA Leasing Program, 9 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Administration's Medicare Choices and Competitive Pricing Demonstration Projects, 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, July 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will conduct routine morning business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 12

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 2428, the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act; and Complete consideration of H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate).

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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